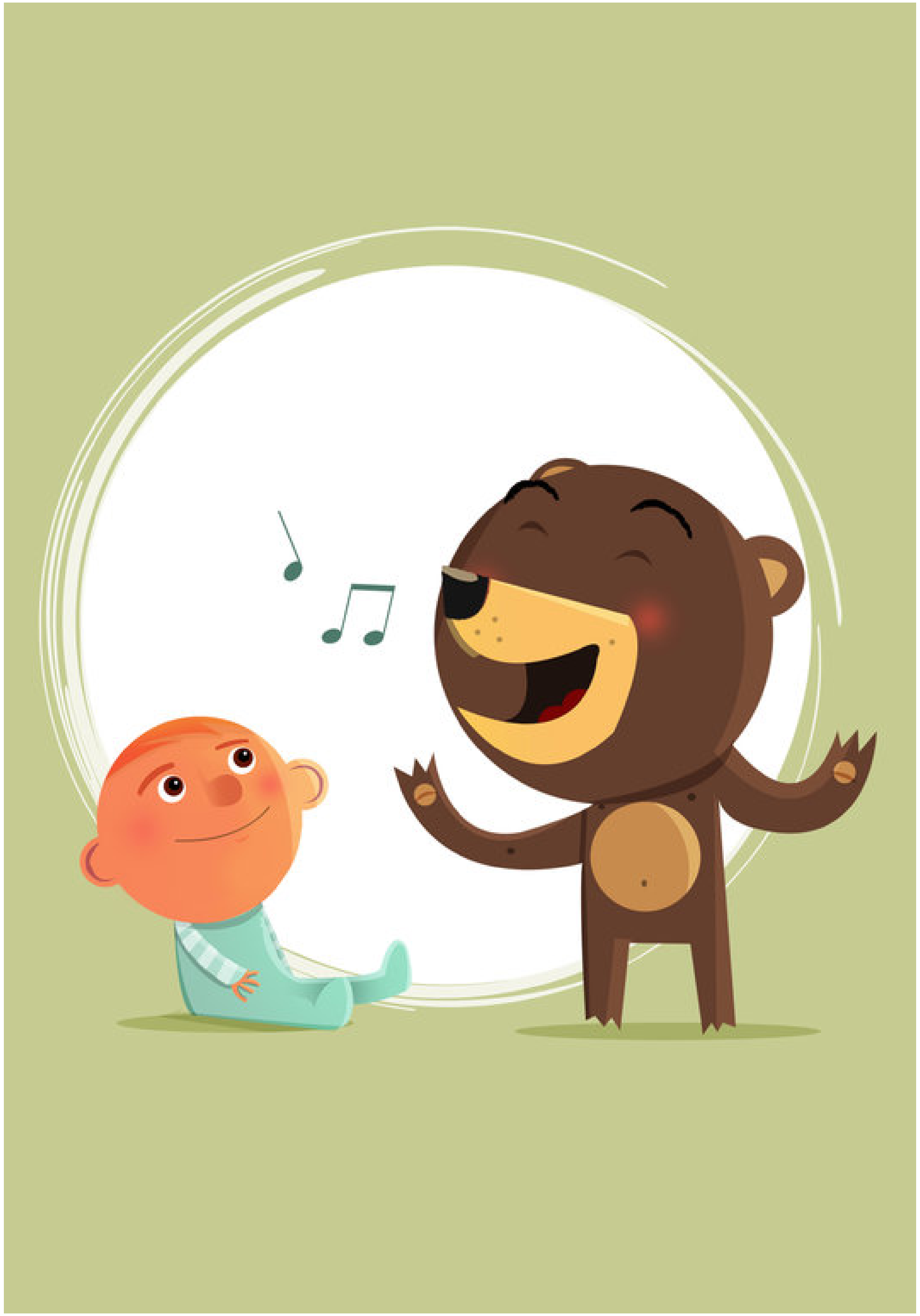


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Thangwang and Bhalluka

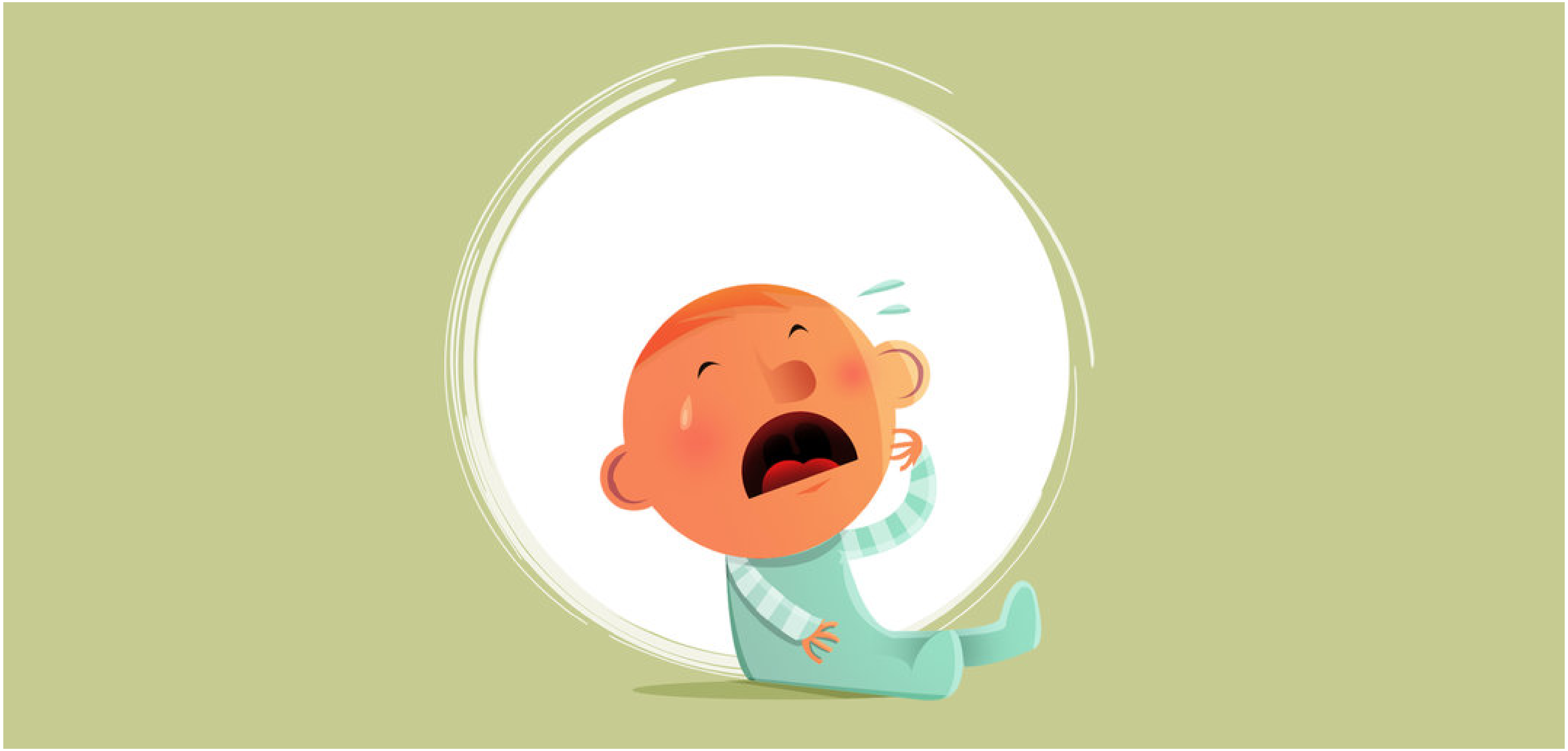
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Baby Thangwang likes to talk.
GAA! GEE! GLUG GLUG, he says.

Bhalluka, the brown bear likes to talk too.
GRRRR. GROOOOOWWWW.
KHURRR.

Baby Thangwang and Bhalluka the bear like to talk to each other.



One day, Thangwang lost his little red toy. He began to cry.



Don’t cry please, said Bhalluka!

HA- HOO, HOO-HA! GRR-GROO!

Bhalluka’s tummy went in and out when he talked.

Thangwang looked at the tummy and tapped it – **TAP-TAP-TAP. TAPP! THUPP!**



That made Bhalluka burp. Loudly! **BURP BURPPPPPP!**
And out came many things that he had put into his mouth.



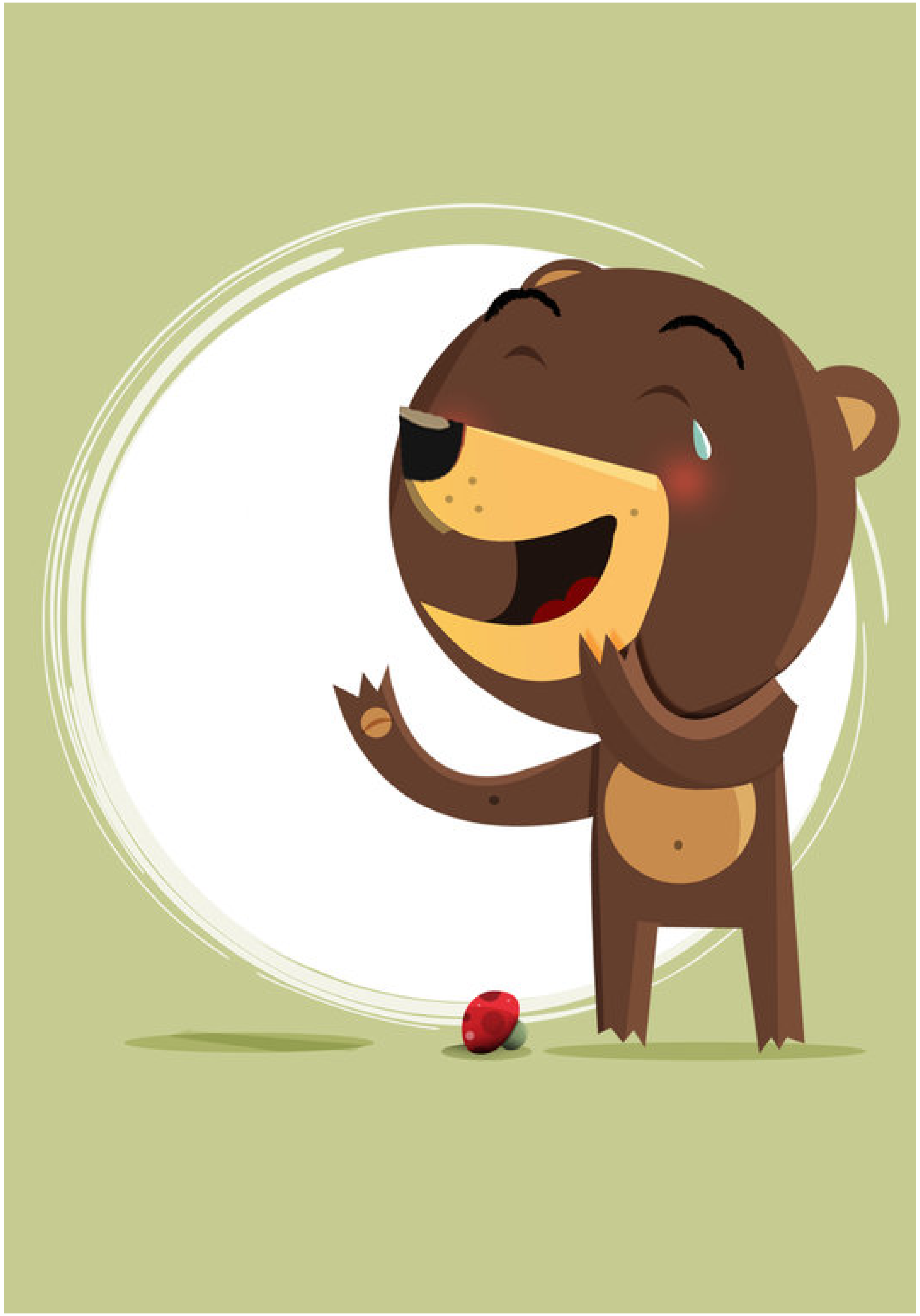
OOPS! Out came the little red top.
TONGG - it hit Thangwang on the head.
TIDDINGGGG - it fell near Baby Thangwang's little feet.



Baby Thangwang and Bhalluka the bear began to laugh. They were so happy that they began to sing loudly.

GLUG-GRRR GAA-GAA-KHURR KHURR, GLUG-GRRR, GAA-GAA-KHURR khurr... and then they went to sleep.

(Thangwang slept for a night. Bhalluka slept for five months!)

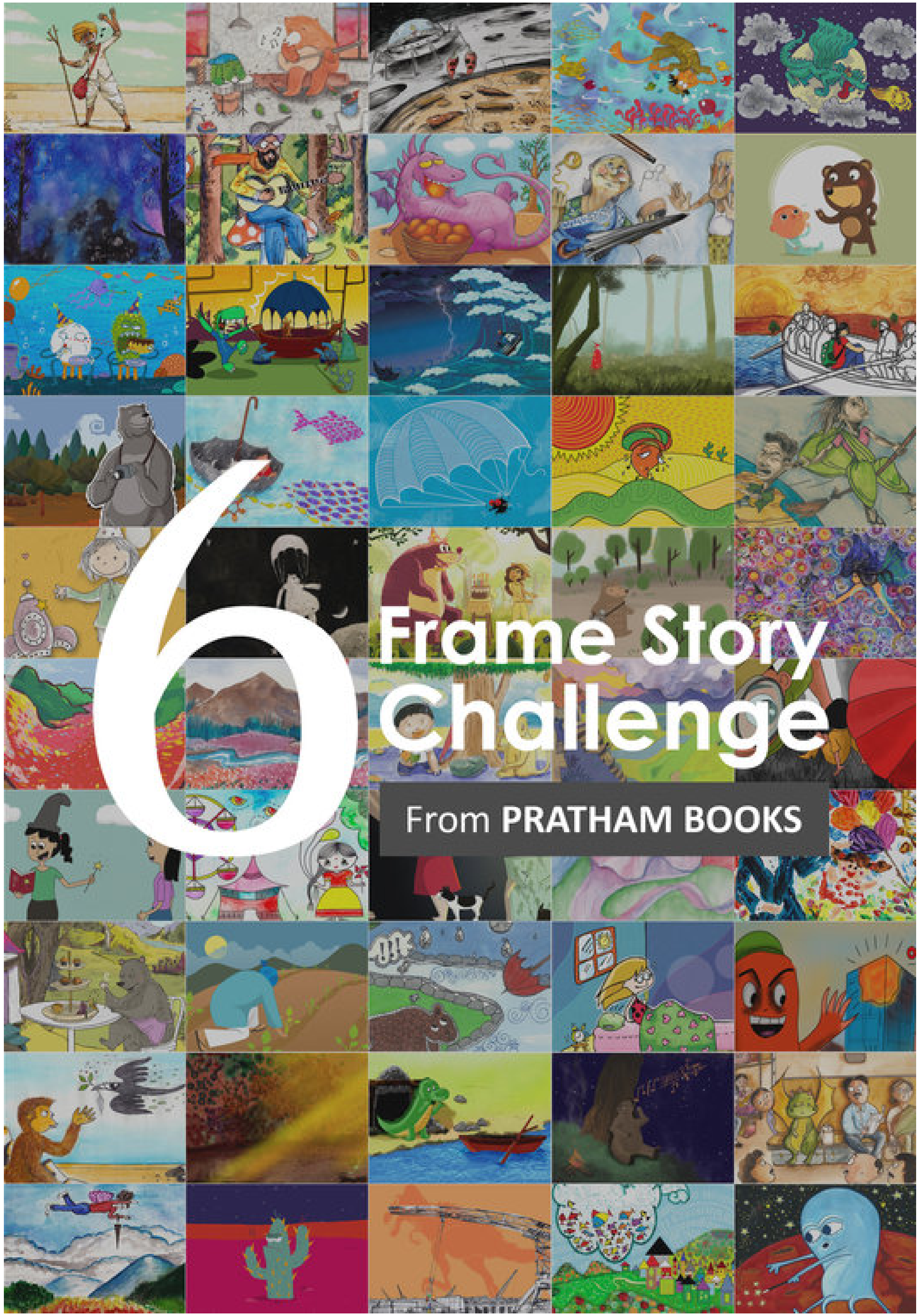


What Do We Know About Bears?

In India, there are three kinds of bears - The Himalayan Black Bear, The Brown Bear and The Sloth Bear. The bear in this book looks like a brown bear.

Bears like fresh growing shoots of grass. They also like fruits like apples, peaches and mulberries. Though brown bears do kill goats and other animals, they usually do not attack human beings.

During winter in cold places, bears in the wild do not get enough to eat. What do they do then? They just go to sleep for a very long time! This long sleep is called hibernation. They can sleep without eating, drinking or - even going to the bathroom - for more than 100 days!



#6FrameStoryChallenge: A Carnival of Art

The illustrations in this book were created as part of the #6FrameStoryChallenge, an online campaign run by Pratham Books to build a rich bank of illustrations for StoryWeaver. The essence of the #6FrameStoryChallenge was to tell a good story using just 6 illustrations.

The campaign inspired nearly 70 illustrators to donate their time and skills to India's first open-source story-publishing platform for children. What started out as an experimental campaign soon blossomed into a carnival of art, birthing nearly 500 new illustrations.

These wordless narratives cut across language barriers, opening up a world of possibilities, encouraging StoryWeaver's growing community to dream up multiple stories around these images. The #6FrameStoryChallenge is a powerful reminder of the need for collaboration, to get closer to our mission: "A Book in Every Child's Hand."

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Thangwang and Bhalluka
(English)

Thangwang the baby, and Bhalluka the bear, loved to talk to each other. Gaaa! Grrrr! Read this to see if you can understand them!

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.